

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A layer forming relief for transferring and printing an application fluid applied on printing convex portions on a printing object, the layer forming relief comprising the printing convex portions formed as linear strips, adjoining printing convex portions aligned to be parallel with each other with a prescribed space, and a plurality of micro-projections, formed into a truncated cone or in a cylinder, distributed on top faces of each of the printing convex portions so as to form a groove between adjoining micro-projections for retaining the application fluid.
2. (Currently Amended) The layer forming relief according to Claim 1, wherein the application fluid is an organic luminous substance, ~~the micro-projection is formed into a truncated cone or a cylinder~~, and the height of the micro-projection is in the range of 2 to 50 μm , the diameter of the top face of the micro-projection is 5 μm or more, the space between the adjoining micro-projections is 7 μm or more, and the number of the micro-projections is in the range of 2 to 30 and is formed so as to be distributed in the width direction of the top face on the printing convex portion.
3. (Currently Amended) A layer forming relief for transferring and printing an application fluid applied on top faces of printing convex portions on a printing object, the layer forming relief comprising the printing convex portions formed as linear strips, adjoining printing convex portions aligned to be parallel with each other with a prescribed space, and a plurality of

projected micro-stripes distributed on the top faces of each of the printing convex portions so as to form a groove between adjoining micro-stripes for retaining the application fluid,

wherein a cross section of the projected micro-stripes in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction is trapezoidal or rectangular.

4. (Currently Amended) The layer forming relief according to Claim 3, wherein the application fluid is an organic luminous substance, ~~the cross section of the projected micro-stripes in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction is trapezoidal or rectangular,~~ and the height of the projected micro-stripe is in the range of 2 to 55 μm , the width of the top face of the projected micro-stripe is 3.5 μm or more, the space between the adjoining projected micro-stripes is 7 μm or more, and the number of the projected micro-stripes is in the range of 2 to 33 and is formed so as to be distributed in the width direction of the top face on the printing convex portion.

5-8. (Cancelled).